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Dear Senator Mc Cain:

As promised during our conversation in New York, attached is the information regarding the asylum request to USCIS by my Minister of Agriculture Andrés Felipe Arias.

Andrés obtained his PhD degree in Economics from UCLA, served honorably under my administration (by the way, he contributed enormously to the negotiation and implementation of the US – Colombia FTA), and was in 2010 (and would have been in 2014) a very strong presidential candidate in defense of our Democratic Security policy.

As I told you, he is a high value target for our political enemies and, therefore, is (like many of my cabinet members and high ranking officials) being judicially and politically persecuted in Colombia due to our common political opinion and ideology.

As I stated in another letter to the US Department of Homeland Security, I make a call to the United States of America to grant him, his wife and his two little kids an asylum. All the help that you can extend to us in this cause will be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards

  
Alvaro Uribe Vélez